

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please insert the following sentence between par. [0030] and par. [0031]:

-- [0030.1] Figure 6 is a side view of any of the embodiments represented by Figs. 2, 4, and 5 indicating the alternative embodiment of having magnet plates inclined towards each other. --

Please replace par. [0055] with the following:

-- [0055] Whilst specific embodiments of the invention have been described above, it will be appreciated that the invention may be practiced otherwise than as described. For example, the described linear motors may be used to drive the substrate stage of a lithographic projection apparatus or in any other application where a large drive force is required. Moreover, the illustrated embodiments depict two parallel magnet plates, but it will be appreciated that the magnet plates need not be parallel but inclined towards each other, as depicted in FIG. 6. If the plates are inclined towards one another, a force component perpendicular to the bisector of the angle between the plates is produced. This force may be controlled by varying the commutation angle applied to the different phases of the motor.--